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Letter dated 22 October 1996 from the President of the General Assembly to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee

I have the honour to transmit a letter dated 21 October 1996, addressed to me, for your attention, by the Chairman of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee), regarding agenda item 114, entitled "Programme planning".

(Signed) RAZALI Ismail

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ANNEX

Letter dated 21 October 1996 from the Chairman of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) addressed to the President of the General Assembly

In response to your letter dated 27 September 1996 addressed to me, I have the honour to enclose, for transmittal to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee, the following additional letters:

(a) Letter dated 18 October 1996 from Mr. Julio Londoño-Paredes, Permanent Representative of Colombia to the United Nations;

(b) Letter dated 18 October 1996 from Mr. Laurence N. Edwards, Permanent Representative of the Marshall Islands to the United Nations.

(Signed) Alounkèo KITTIKHOUN
Chairman
Special Political and
Decolonization Committee
(Fourth Committee)

APPENDIX

A. Letter dated 18 October 1996 from the Permanent Representative of Colombia addressed to the Chairman of the Fourth Committee

I wish to inform you that at its formal meeting on 17 October 1996, the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement decided to support the proposal submitted to you by the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, Mr. Utula Utuoc Samana (Papua New Guinea), in his letter of 15 October 1996, with regard to an additional subprogramme to be added as 1.8 in programme 1 of the medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001, as contained in document A/51/6.

On behalf of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, I wish to convey to you our gratitude for the understanding and collaboration we are sure you will give to the important request of the Special Committee.

(Signed) Julio LONDOÑO-PAREDES
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

B. Letter dated 18 October 1996 from the Permanent Representative of the Marshall Islands addressed to the Chairman of the Fourth Committee

I have the honour to write to you in my capacity as Chairman of the South Pacific Forum Member States of the United Nations (Australia, Fiji, Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, New Zealand, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu) and to refer to the letter dated 15 October 1996, sent to you by the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, Mr. Utula U. Samana, CMG, regarding the inclusion of a subprogramme on decolonization in the medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001.

I wish to inform you that our group of countries fully endorses the views expressed by the Chairman of the Special Committee, and would strongly urge that action be taken in accordance with his suggestions.

(Signed) Laurence N. EDWARDS
Ambassador
Permanent Representative